



## **District of Columbia Health Reform Implementation Committee**

### **Membership Description and Agency Directors' Biographies**

**O**n May 28, 2010, D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty established a Health Reform Implementation Committee (HRIC) by Mayor's Order 2010-97 to oversee the execution of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, approved March 23, 2010, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, approved March 30, 2010.

The Mayor appointed four of the Administration's Cabinet members. They are co-chairs Commissioner Gennet Purcell, Esq., of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking and Dr. Julie Hudman of the Department of Health Care Finance, and HRIC members Dr. Pierre Vigilance of the Department of Health, and Mr. Clarence H. Carter of the Department of Human Services.

The HRIC's main function is to advise Mayor Fenty on implementation of the health care reform laws, and to coordinate its execution in the District of Columbia. Staff at all four agencies provide administrative, clerical and technical support.

The HRIC held its first public meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at the Benning Road Neighborhood Library, 3935 Benning Rd., NE. Residents and stakeholders were given the opportunity to offer comment or suggestions about the implementation of health care reform in the District of Columbia.

Following are the biographies of the four members of the HRIC.





## **Biography**

### **Commissioner Gennet Purcell, Esq.**

#### **District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking**

Gennet Purcell, Esq., is the Commissioner and Agency head of the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB). She was appointed by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty to serve as Acting Commissioner on August 28, 2009. She was confirmed to serve as Commissioner on November 4, 2009. As the Agency head, she is the primary regulator of the District of Columbia's financial-services industries, including insurance companies and their representatives, District of Columbia chartered banks, mortgage lenders and brokers and all other non-depository financial institutions, as well as securities broker dealers and investment advisers.



Since December 2008, Commissioner Purcell served as the Deputy Commissioner, where her primary responsibilities included oversight of the agency's core functional areas, including the divisions of Insurance, Securities, Banking, Fraud Enforcement and Investigation, and Risk Finance.

Since her appointment, Commissioner Purcell has encouraged a consumer focus throughout the agency. She has implemented several initiatives to promote consumer advocacy and encourage financial literacy on behalf of the District's consumers. Commissioner Purcell has also worked diligently to maintain fair and efficient financial regulatory policies, and processes throughout the agency. Commissioner Purcell currently serves as Co-Chair of the District of Columbia's Federal Health Reform Implementation Committee, and is a member of the District of Columbia's Health Information Technology Steering Committee, and the District of Columbia's Financial Literacy Council.

Commissioner Purcell is an attorney and member of both the State of Maryland Bar and the Commonwealth of Virginia Bar. Prior to her tenure at DISB, she was a partner in a private law firm where her areas of practice included estate planning, insurance claims law, surety bond financing and small business planning. Additionally, she has tenured as an associate lawyer with the law firm of ShawPittman where she was a member of the Securities, Mergers and Acquisitions divisions.

She earned her undergraduate degree in political science from York University and her Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law. Commissioner Purcell is a long-standing resident of the District of Columbia.

### **D.C. Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking**

DISB regulates the District's financial-services businesses by ensuring that these entities adhere to the city's insurance, securities and banking laws, rules and regulations. DISB regulates insurance companies and producers, health maintenance organizations, captive insurance companies and risk retention groups; investment advisers, broker-dealers, securities issuers and agents of issuers; and District chartered banks, mortgage lenders and brokers, mortgage loan originators, check cashers, money transmitters, consumer-sales-finance-companies, money lenders and consumer-credit-service organizations. Also, DISB offers consumer education, advocacy, and outreach programs throughout the city to protect consumers from financial fraud and abuse. Residents may visit DISB's website, [www.disb.dc.gov](http://www.disb.dc.gov), to file a complaint, verify an institution, request a speaker and find consumer information. Or call (202) 727-8000.



## **Biography**

### **Dr. Julie Hudman, Director**

### **District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance**

Dr. Julie Hudman brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the newly formed Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF).

Dr. Hudman previously served as an Advisor in the City Administrator's Office of Mayor Adrian M. Fenty in Washington, D.C. There she was the lead person for providing direction, guidance and support on behalf of the Mayor and City Administrator to eight District health and human services agencies. She directly reported to the City Administrator and managed a team of six program analysts. She was responsible for budget development and monitoring; managing of agencies and cross-cutting initiatives such as homelessness and integrating services as part of education reform in DC public schools; policy and regulatory development and implementation, and analytical support to the City Administrator on District business.



Prior to joining the Fenty Administration in January 2007, Dr. Hudman was an independent health care and political consultant based in Ithaca, New York. Her clients included Manatt, Phelps and Phillips in their New York City office, where she provided policy, advocacy and strategic advice to health care and not-for-profit clients. In addition, she was a consultant and guest lecturer at Cornell University's Policy Analysis and Management Department and Policy Director for the 2004 NY-29 US Congressional campaign in upstate New York.

Previously, she spent over seven years at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, where she was an Associate Director. Her work focused on Medicaid financing and enrollment, immigration health care issues, welfare reform, and issues related to health coverage and access to health care services. She also served as a health policy analyst for the Secretary of Health and Human Services in Rhode Island and for the Health Care Committee in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

Dr. Hudman earned her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma, M.P.P. from Georgetown University, and her PhD from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

### **D.C. Department of Health Care Finance**

DHCF, formerly the Medical Assistance Administration under the Department of Health, is the District of Columbia's state Medicaid agency. The mission of DHCF is to improve health outcomes by providing access to comprehensive, cost-effective and quality healthcare services for residents of the District of Columbia. In addition to the Medicaid program, DHCF also administers insurance programs for immigrant children, the State Child Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP or CHIP) and Medical Charities (a locally funded program). Residents may visit DHCF's website at [www.dhcf.dc.gov](http://www.dhcf.dc.gov) or call (202) 442-5988.



## **Biography**

### **Dr. Pierre Vigilance, Director**

### **District of Columbia Department of Health**

Dr. Pierre Vigilance was appointed as Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH) in April 2008. As the public health agency for the Nation's Capital, the department serves the District's population of almost 600,000 as well as those who work and spend recreational time in Washington, D.C. The department has an annual budget of \$268 million and more than 800 staff. In recent years the agency has promoted health and wellness through improved physical activity and nutrition projects such as community-level "Ward Walks," and the Healthy Corner Store Initiative. Under his tenure, the agency has made extensive use of data to drive the agency's activities. He has focused attention on improving data collection and analysis which has led to the publication of the District's HIV/AIDS epidemiology reports, the Preventable Causes of Death Report (the first city-level report ever produced), the Obesity Report and the Obesity Action Plan.



Before joining the agency, Dr. Vigilance was Director of the Baltimore County Department of Health in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to his position in Baltimore County, he served in Baltimore City as the Assistant Commissioner for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention where he directed an aggressive HIV outreach and education campaign "Live, Love, Be Safe." Before entering the government, his public health work focused on the development of a community-based substance abuse program in East Baltimore. He received his MD and Master of Public Health degrees from the Johns Hopkins University and is residency-trained in Emergency Medicine.

### **D.C. Department of Health**

The DOH's mission is to promote and protect the health, safety and quality of life of residents, visitors and those doing business in the District of Columbia.

Our responsibilities include identifying health risks; educating the public; preventing and controlling diseases, injuries and exposure to environmental hazards; promoting effective community collaborations; and optimizing equitable access to community resources. Visit DOH's website at [www.doh.dc.gov](http://www.doh.dc.gov) or call (202) 442-5955.



## **Biography**

### **Clarence H. Carter, Director District of Columbia Department of Human Services**



Clarence H. Carter is the Director of the District of Columbia's Department of Human Services (DHS). He was appointed by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty on July 5, 2007. The Director of the Department of Human Services is a cabinet-level position with responsibility for all income assistance support and related welfare-to-work employment programs. It also is inclusive of homeless services and prevention, child care services, as well as a wide spectrum of social service programs, including, adult protective services and teen pregnancy prevention.

Prior to his DHS appointment, Mr. Carter served as the Deputy Administrator for the Food Stamp Program with the United States Department of Agriculture. The Food Stamp Program is the first line of defense against hunger in America. The \$30 billion federal program provides assistance to more than 20 million low-income, elderly and Americans with disabilities in purchasing food. During his tenure, he guided the program through the provision of the emergency food stamp program for victims of Hurricane Katrina and the changing of the name of the program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The Food Stamp appointment represented the second leadership position in the Bush Administration; previously Mr. Carter was appointed to serve as Director of the Federal Office of Community Services (OCS). As the agency's chief executive, he provided the organization with direction and leadership in the provision of community-based services. His principal accomplishment at OCS was the development of a new construct for the delivery of human services in the United States.

Over the past 20 years Mr. Carter has been established as a leader and innovator in the American human services industry having the distinction of being appointed to serve two (2) Presidential administrations, three (3) Governors and currently the Mayor of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Carter has also served as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services. In that capacity he managed a workforce of 1,500 employees with an annual operating budget in excess of \$1 billion. The hallmark of his social services tenure was the successful implementation of the Commonwealth's landmark welfare reform initiatives. The program was instrumental in cutting the public assistance rolls by more than half, from an all time high of 74,000 families receiving AFDC/TANF, to a 30-year low of 31,000. In the first five (5) years of the program, more than 25,000 public assistance recipients obtained gainful employment, earning in excess of \$200 million.

Mr. Carter has testified before Congress, appeared on several public affairs programs including: Crossfire, and BET's Our Voices. He has also shared his views on America's human services challenges before an International assembly.

### **D.C. Department of Human Services**

DHS coordinates and provides a range of services that collectively create the enabling conditions for economic and socially challenged residents of the District of Columbia to enhance their quality of life and achieve greater degrees of self-sufficiency. Visit DHS's website at [www.dhs.dc.gov](http://www.dhs.dc.gov) or call (202) 671-4200.